

FILIPINOS KILLED, WOUNDED, AND CAPTURED.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING,

IN RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF MAY 17, 1900,  
COPY OF CABLEGRAM FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL,  
DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES, IN REGARD TO THE NUMBER OF  
FILIPINOS KILLED, WOUNDED, AND CAPTURED SINCE THE  
BREAKING OUT OF THE PRESENT HOSTILITIES.

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JUNE 5, 1900.—Referred to the Committee on the Philippines and ordered to be  
printed.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington, June 4, 1900.*

SIR: Replying to the resolution of the Senate of the United States,  
dated May 17, 1900—

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to inform the Senate, so far as the  
information may be in possession of his Department, the number of Filipinos killed  
and the number wounded since the breaking out of the present hostilities with them;  
and also the number of prisoners captured by the United States and the number  
now in our possession.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of cablegram sent to the  
commanding general, Division of the Philippines, May 21, 1900, and  
the reply received thereto this date, which gives as nearly as possible  
the information requested, it having been found by examination that  
the records of the Department failed to give the information called for.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT,  
*Secretary of War.*

The PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, *United States Senate.*

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, May 21, 1900.

MACARTHUR, *Manila*:

By direction of the Secretary of War, cable, as far as practicable, number of Filipinos killed and wounded since hostilities, how many prisoners captured, and number now in our possession. Congress has asked for information.

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[Copy of cablegram received at War Department June 4, 1900.]

MANILA.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL, *Washington*:

With reference to your telegram of the 22d ultimo. Filipinos killed, 10,780; wounded, 2,104; captured and surrendered, 10,425; number prisoners in our possession, about 2,000. No systematic record Filipino casualties these headquarters. Foregoing, compiled from large number reports made immediately after engagements, is as close an approximation as now possible, owing to wide distribution of troops. More accurate report would take weeks to prepare. Number reported killed probably in excess of accurate figures; number reported wounded probably much less, as Filipinos managed to remove most wounded from field, and comparatively few fell into our hands. Officers high rank and dangerous suspicious men have been retained as prisoners; most other men discharged on field as soon as disarmed. Propose to release all but very few prisoners at early date.

MACARTHUR.

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